



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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The Honorable Wajahat Habibullah
Minister of Community Affairs
Embassy of India
2107 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008-2811

RE: MUR 4583

Dear Mr. Minister:

By letter dated November 25, 1996, the U.S. Federal Election Commission notified the Embassy of India and Mr. Davendra Singh of its reason to believe findings and explained the procedures for the Embassy and Mr. Singh to submit factual or legal materials that they believe would be relevant to the Commission's investigation of this matter. In your response, dated December 20, 1996, you raised certain issues concerning the Factual and Legal Analysis and the Commission's jurisdiction in this matter. In our letter of January 16, 1997, I addressed those issues and reiterated that the Embassy and Mr. Singh have the opportunity to respond to the Commission's findings and that we understood, based on published news sources, that Ambassador Naresh Chandra had stated an intent to release the Indian Government's information about this matter. Subsequently, we learned that the Indian Embassy had contacted the United States Department of State and that late last month the State Department has encouraged the Embassy to voluntarily cooperate with the Commission's investigation of this matter.

In light of our correspondence and this last development, we believe it would be useful for all parties involve to attempt to resolve this matter informally at the early stage of the enforcement process. Because it has been four months since the Commission last heard from the Embassy, we request that the Embassy provide a response no later than close of business on Friday, April 25, 1997. If we do not hear from the Embassy by that date, this Office will recommend that the Commission proceed to the next stage of the enforcement process. Please feel free to telephone me directly with any further questions you may have, at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence M. Noble".

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel